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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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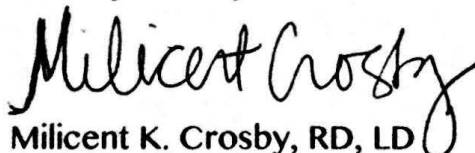
Re: Reply Comments regarding DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As a home health consultant, I spend a great deal of time traveling to see patients who are often low-income or elderly, and I have as many patients in rural Mississippi as I do in Jackson. These individuals' lives truly depend on access to their doctors, therapists, dietitians, and other health-care professionals. However, for those who cannot afford the deposits and fees associated with home telephone lines, mobile phones are their lifeline. It is crucial then, that they have reliable means to communicate with their health-care providers, especially since they are sometimes hours away from the closest hospital.

LightSquared's business model will give these people certainty that their phones will always work. By offering low startup costs, affordable pricing and wide market presence, local carriers, like YourTel America, can offer customers the same reliable broadband that the more expensive national providers provide. Furthermore, they will offer more data and voice services and options to end users. Without LightSquared, rural America will not experience the expanded coverage and lower costs that they can provide to wireless customers, some of whose lives depend on it.

Thank you for your consideration,


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